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Control  
Basic Level

Hierarchical control

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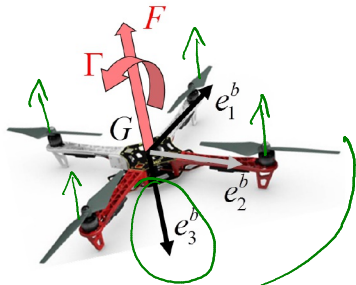
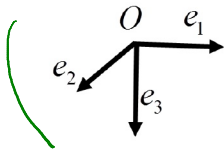
## Quadrotor dynamics

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\underline{p}} = \underline{v} \\ m\dot{\underline{v}} = \underline{F} + m\underline{g}e_3 \quad (+\cancel{\underline{F}_{\text{ext}}}) \\ \dot{\underline{R}} = \underline{R}\underline{\Omega}_{\times} \\ J\dot{\underline{\Omega}} = -\underline{\Omega} \times J\underline{\Omega} + \underline{\Gamma} \quad (+\cancel{\underline{\Gamma}_{\text{ext}}}) \end{cases}$$

$$\tau = \|\underline{F}\|$$

$$\underline{F} = -\tau e_3^b$$

$R, \varphi, \theta, \psi$



## Quadrotor dynamics (cont'd)

$$\begin{array}{c} t \\ \theta \end{array} \begin{cases} \dot{p} = v \\ m\dot{v} = -TRe_3 + mge_3 \\ \dot{R} = R\Omega_{\times} \\ J\dot{\Omega} = -\Omega \times J\Omega + \Gamma \end{cases} \quad \hookrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} - \\ - \\ - \\ - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T \\ \Gamma_1 \\ \Gamma_2 \\ \Gamma_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{b} & b & b & b \\ 0 & -\widehat{l.b} & 0 & \widehat{l.b} \\ \widehat{l.b} & 0 & -\widehat{l.b} & 0 \\ \widehat{d} & -d & \widehat{d} & -d \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\omega_1^2} \\ - \\ - \\ - \end{bmatrix} \quad \hookrightarrow$$

- Translational and orientation dynamics are coupled
- 6 DoF and only 4 control inputs  $\Rightarrow$  quadrotor is under-actuated

$$p_x, p_y, p_z, \phi, \theta, \psi$$

- 4 controllable outputs + 2 "internal" variables

$$p_x, p_y, p_z, \psi, \phi, \theta$$

## Hierarchical control: main idea

- Control the translational and orientation dynamics in a hierarchical way

- Position control

Compute the force  $\underline{F} = -\mathcal{T} R e_3$  such that  $\underline{p} \rightarrow \underline{p}^d$  and  $\underline{v} \rightarrow \underline{v}^d$

Deduce the corresponding desired magnitude  $\mathcal{T}^d$  and orientation  $R^d$

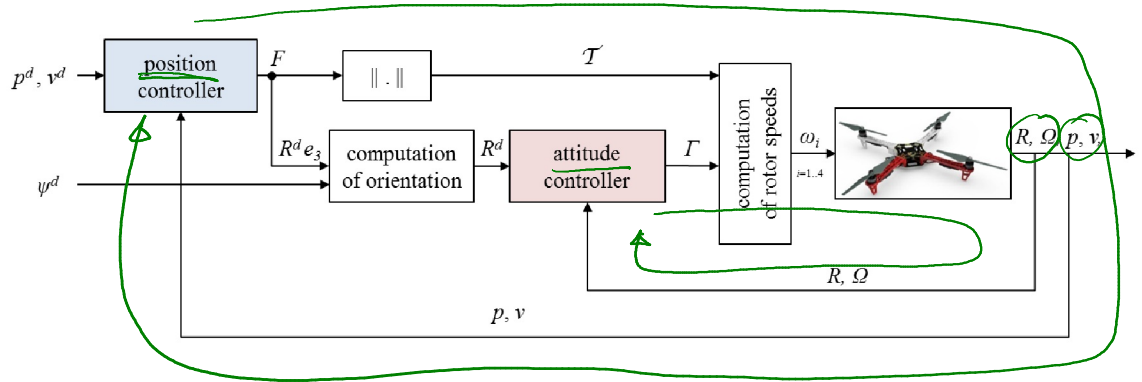
- Attitude control

Compute the torque  $\underline{\Gamma}$  such that  $\underline{R} \rightarrow R^d$  and  $\underline{\Omega} \rightarrow \Omega^d$

- Rotors' speed control (assumed to be done)



# Hierarchical control: block diagram



- Two control loops:
  - ▶ inner loop for attitude control
  - ▶ outer loop for position control
- Constraint on the speeds of convergence of the two control loops

## Position control: main idea

$$\begin{cases} \dot{p} = v \\ \dot{v} = -\frac{T}{m}Re_3 + ge_3 \end{cases} = u$$

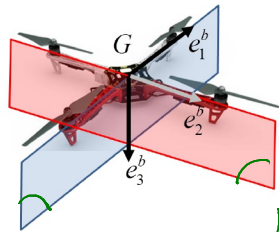
$$\begin{cases} \dot{p} = v \\ \dot{v} = u \end{cases}$$

- Choose  $u = -\frac{T}{m}Re_3 + ge_3$  as control vector
- Design a control law  $u = f(p, \hat{p}^d, v, \hat{v}^d)$  (e.g. for position stabilization)
- Deduce the desired force  $F^d = (-TRe_3)^d = m(u - ge_3)$ 
  - its magnitude  $T^d = \|F^d\|$
  - its direction  $(Re_3)^d = -F^d/T^d$

$\begin{matrix} T^d \neq 0 \\ (T > 0) \end{matrix}$
- Assume that  $\psi^d$  is given
  - one can deduce a desired orientation  $R^d$  (i.e.  $\phi^d, \theta^d, \psi^d$ )

## Attitude control: main idea

$$\begin{cases} \dot{R} = R\Omega_{\times} \\ J\dot{\Omega} = -\underbrace{\Omega \times J\Omega}_{=0} + \underbrace{\Gamma}_{\Gamma} \end{cases}$$



- Design a control law  $\Gamma = g(R, R^d, \Omega, \Omega^d)$  (e.g. for attitude stabilization)  $J = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & J_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & J_3 \end{bmatrix}$

For a quadrotor,  $(e_1^b, e_3^b)$  and  $(e_2^b, e_3^b)$  are symmetry planes  $J = \text{diag}(J_1, J_2, J_3)$  and  $J_1 = J_2$

$$\Omega \times J\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} (J_3 - J_2)\omega_y\omega_z \\ (J_1 - J_3)\omega_x\omega_z \\ \underbrace{(J_2 - J_1)\omega_x\omega_y}_{=0} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow J_3\dot{\omega}_z = \Gamma_3$$

$\Rightarrow$  Control of the yaw can be decoupled

## Back to hierarchical control

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{slow} \\
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{p} = v \\ m\dot{v} = -TRe_3 + mge_3 \pm (TRe_3)^d = \underbrace{-TR^d e_3 + mge_3}_{\mu} - \underbrace{T(R - R^d)e_3}_{\text{error}} \\ \dot{R} = R\Omega_x \\ J\dot{\Omega} = -\Omega \times J\Omega + \Gamma \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

- Closed loop orientation dynamics must converge (much) faster than the closed loop translational dynamics ("inner loop faster than outer loop")
- Simplifications for the design of the control laws:
  - ▶ Design of position control law assuming  $R = R^d$
  - ▶ Design of attitude control law assuming  $R^d \sim \text{cste}$   
 $\Rightarrow \dot{R}^d = 0, \Omega^d = 0$   $\dot{R}^d = \dot{R}^d \Omega_x^d$

"Time-scale" separation between translational and orientation dynamics



# Hierarchical control: conclusions

## What we have learned so far

- A quadrotor is an underactuated system  $\Rightarrow$  only 4 controllable outputs
- Translational and orientation dynamics are coupled
- Hierarchical approach: position control, attitude control
- Control laws can be designed separately
- But: specific tuning of the control laws to ensure closed loop stability of the whole system

## Upcoming Lectures

- Design of position and attitude control laws
  - ▶ Linear methods **PID**
  - ▶ Advanced methods